

Press Release

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Kiger Sentenced to 48 Months in Prison for Securities Fraud in Multistate Day Trading Scam

(Topeka, Kansas) -- Kansas Securities Commissioner, Chris Biggs, announced today that Richard L. Kiger was sentenced in Johnson County District Court to 48 months prison yesterday for securities violations. Kiger, 52, was previously convicted of two felony counts of securities fraud when he entered guilty pleas in February.

The convictions resulted from Kiger soliciting investors to pool their funds with him in a day trading program that he alleged would return substantial profits for them. However, most of the investor funds were not day traded. Of the approximately \$549,658.85 Kiger raised from investors, \$328,658.85 was spent for his own personal benefit, such as paying credit card bills, his son's school expenses, and social parties.

Kiger, Olathe, was ordered to pay \$514,658 in restitution to 16 investors from four states, including Kansas. Those investors from Kansas included residents from Spring Hill, Overland Park, Lawrence, Salina, and Newton.

In addition to the criminal convictions, Kiger entered into an administrative order with the Office of the Securities Commissioner in which he will be permanently barred from offering and selling securities in the State of Kansas.

This investigation and prosecution of Kiger was accomplished with the assistance and cooperation of Paul Morrison and the Office of the Johnson County District Attorney.

The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner is charged with administration and enforcement of the Kansas Securities Act under Chapter 17 of the Kansas Statutes. The Office investigates and prosecutes securities fraud, the offer or sale of unregistered securities and the offer or sale of securities by unlicensed stockbrokers or investment advisers. For more information and investor education resources, visit <http://www.securities.state.ks.us>.